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HUSBAND, DADDY, ETC.

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Spring wedding,
The honeymoon hoop-la,
The virile father-to-be
In prenatal nervousness
And emerging
On-the-job tension
From managerial jitters —
Home to undiapered babes;
Rash-sore squalling.
Nightclass
No sex —
Making-ends-meet
By cheating
On the little lady
Not so little,
Day-nagged Sundays
Weekends jammed
With forced romancing.

Tension coaxes
The executive stress
Home-chained
To a barb-a-que grill
Summer-sting
Sweat-back
From lawn-mowing
Cutting away
The 2-weeks-off;
A paid puppet
Jangling
From bobbers
On Wisconsin-lake vacations.
Kids:
Annoying mosquitos
Like back-to-school
Bills.

Vice-prez
Share-holder
Holding a new Olds.
Greying
And swimmingpool flab
The esteemed Europe-trip
Comes finally.
The colleged offspring
Are now nest-removed,
His feathers unrumples
Into a distinguished
Plumage
Paying for
Spring weddings.

Grandson-sent delight
Rowboat bass-fishing;
His pockets emptied
Of youthful candy
For a patiently entertained
6 year old boy
Again Wisconsin, then
Home:
The head turkey-carver
His same 'old gal'
Putting the various pills out
Each morning,
Dotting the formica
'Til death do they part
Plotted next to each other
Remembered,
Appreciated
Perhaps.